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1. Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG):

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Command Echelon of the GOFG:

Hq of Chief Rear Services and other Hqs:

Hq of IV Arty Corps:

Arty Unit in RATHENOW-BRANDENBURG:

Arty Unit in POTSDAM:

Arty Unit in JUTERBOG:

Arty (?) Unit in MAGDEBURG-BURG:

AAA Unit in POTSDAM-BRANDENBURG:

AAA Unit in CHEMNITZ (previously FUERSTENWALDE):

Sngr Unit in POTSDAM-NEDLITZ:

b. Transfer of units:

(1) Antiaircraft guns and motor vehicles

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belonging to the FUERSTENWALDE ? No. AAA Div were
 detrained in CHEMNITZ in mid-September 1949. The troops with
 this materiel moved to the Planitz Kaserne on Leninstrasse,
 CHEMNITZ.

The observation in FREIBERG and in the uranium mining area of
 some sedans of this division indicates that the
 division was protecting this area. This assumption is
 corroborated by newspaper dispatches saying that AA gun em-
 placements were dug in the uranium mining area. In connec-
 tion with motor vehicles of this division, motor vehicles

were for the first time
 seen in CHEMNITZ. As this belongs to the Command
 Element of the RATHENOW IV Arty Corps, it could be inferred
 that the CHEMNITZ (previously FUERSTENWALDE) ? No. AAA Div
 may be subordinate to the IV Arty Corps, RATHENOW. Confir-
 mation of this theory has not been obtained.

(2) Motor vehicle

belonging
 to the BURG-MAGDEBURG ? No Arty Unit, were reported from
 BRANDENBURG in September 1949. The

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25X1 20 to 30-mm and 88-mm AA guns, were observed at an
25X1 AA gun emplacement in the Opel Plant area, Brandenburg.
As this was the first time that [redacted]
[redacted] were reported in connection with AA
guns, the information is forwarded with reservation.

2. Eighth Gds Army:

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Army Hq:
220 Hv Tank SP Regt:
38th Arty Brig:
43rd Gds Gun Arty Brig:
13th AAA Div:
Hq of XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps:

39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div:
20th Gds Mecz Div:
Hq of XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps:
57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div:
21st Gds Mecz Div:

b. Maneuvers:

The 20th Gds Mecz Div, the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and
Eighth Gds Army Hq units were located in the Ohrdruf area,
and the 21st Gds Mecz Div, the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and
other Eighth Gds Army Hq units in the Eisenach area during
the first half of October 1949. Component units of this
army have been observed to leave the Thuringian Woods at
an increased rate since mid-October 1949.

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3. [redacted]

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Army Hq:
3rd Gds AAA Div:
Army Hq Units:
Hq of LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps:
207th Mtz Rifle Div:
19th Gds Mecz Div:
Hq of IX Mtz Rifle Corps:
94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div:
18th Mecz Div:

b. Maneuvers:

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Motor vehicle [redacted] of the 18th Mecz Div were contained
in reports of the maneuvers in the Wittstock-Pritzwalk
area in late September and early October 1949, and in
the Gloewen area in mid-October 1949. A large-scale Elbe
River-crossing exercise was held in the Havelberg area
in late September 1949, during which motor vehicle [redacted]
of the 18th Mecz Div, Third Shock Army Hq units and air
force units were identified. Combined-arms units held
maneuvers in the area southeast of Wittenberge in late
September and early October 1949, with motor vehicles of
the 18th Mecz Div, the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and Third
Shock Army Hq units being identified. The field exercises
in the Gadebusch area of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div ended
in early October 1949. Reports on the maneuvers in the

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25X1 Ziesar-Belzig area in early October 1949 contained [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] both the Third Shock Army and the
Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) (6th Gds Tank Div (Cadre)).

4. First Gds Mecz Army:

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Army Hq:
4th Gds AAA Div:
Army Hq Units:
MGB/MVD Regt:
8th Gds Mecz Div:
9th Tank Div:
11th Gds Tank Div:

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b. Maneuvers:

Large-scale maneuvers of the First Gds Mecz Army were conducted in the Koenigsbrueck area in late September and early October 1949, with all component units participating.

c. Transfer of the ? No. AAA Div:

According to credible information, the ? No. AAA Div (GDFG) was transferred from the Fuerstenwalde area to the Chemnitz area in mid-September 1949.

5. Second Gds Mecz Army:

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Army Hq:
31st AAA Div:
Army Hq Units:
9th Gds Tank Div:
12th Gds Tank Div:

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1st Mecz Div:

6. Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre):

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Army Hq:
Army Hq Units:
? No. AAA Div (Cadre):
6th Gds Tank Div (Cadre):
7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre):
9th Mecz Div (Cadre):
14th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre):

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b. Maneuvers:

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Reports on the maneuvers in the Jueterbog-Luckenwalde-Markendorf-Werder area [redacted] mentioned [redacted]

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[redacted] both the 6th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) and the 14th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre). Motor vehicles of the 6th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) and those of the Third Shock Army were observed in the maneuvers in the Ziesar-Belzig area at the beginning of October 1949.

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7. Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre):

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Army Hq:

Army Hq Units:

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? No. AAA Div (Cadre):

6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre):

7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre):

10th Gds Tank Div (Cadre):

25th Tank Div (Cadre):

b. Maneuvers:

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The ? No. AAA Div (Cadre) left the Letzling Heath in early October 1949 and has been re-identified in the Frankfurt/Oder area

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the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre), the 25th Tank Div (Cadre) and the army Hq units were observed in the Templin area in October 1949.

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the 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) were seen in the Lieberose-Jamlitz area.

8. Sixteenth Air Army:

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Hq of Sixteenth Air Army and the Hqs of Ftr Corps:)

I Gds Ftr Corps:

III Ftr Corps:

III Bmr Corps:

11th and 2d Gds GA Divs:

b. Transfers:

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large-scale re-grouping of units in the Sixteenth Air Army area. The following are the new quartering areas:

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(1) I Gds Ftr Corps:

Airfields of Alt Loemnitz, Zerbst, Dessau, Koethen, Brandenburg, Jueterbog and Wittenberg.

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(2) III Ftr Corps:

Airfields of Oranienburg, Finow, Stendal, Wittenberge, Perleberg, Wittstock, Laerz and Peenemuende.

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(3) III Bmr Corps:

Airfields of Oranienburg (?) Strausberg, Werneuchen, Cottbus, Finsterwalde and Staaken.

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(4) 2d Gds GA Div:
and 11th Gds
GA Div:

Airfields of Doeberitz, Schoenwalde, Jueterbog, Dresden-Klotzsche (?) and Koethen.

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